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A Study of

The Ideals of Children

in the

Elementary School

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The data for this study of the ideals of children were collected along with the data regarding favorite games (see May, 1906, *Quarterly*). Each child was asked what he wanted to be or do when grown. The answers may in some cases be subject to error, but the large results should be worth something. The industrial or social ideal selected by any child is a revelation of his existing interest, and while most ideals thus selected are transient, they reveal an emphasis which is real to the child. Further than this,—the tabulations for each school grade should reveal those occupations which have a peculiar appeal for children of that age.

Any teacher may get the data from his pupils and profit by explaining the ways in which the results agree with and differ from the ones here given.

Training School, DeKalb, Grade I.

BOYS			GIRLS		
Ideal.	*No.*	*Age.*	*Ideal.*	*No.*	*Age.*
Coal Man	1	7	Cashier	1	5
Factory Work	2	7–7½	Clerk	2	5–6
Florist	1	5	Housekeeper	1	6
Mason	1	7	Nurse (Children's)	1	6
Storekeeper	2	6–7	Teacher	4	5–7

Central School, Oak Park, Grade I.

BOYS			GIRLS		
Ideal.	*No.*	*Age.*	*Ideal.*	*No.*	*Age.*
Artist	3	7	Artist	1	8
Carpenter	2	7	Cashier	1	7
Conductor	1	7	Laundress	1	7
Engineer	3	7–8	Milliner	1	7
Farmer	1	7	Reader	1	7
Fireman	1	6	Storekeeper	1	7
Jeweler	1	6	Teacher	2	6–8
Lumber "Jack"	1	7½	Teacher, School	4	6–7
Plumber	2	6–7	Teacher, Kindergarten	1	8
Printer	1	8			
Soap Salesman	1	6			
Soldier	2	6–7			
Steam Fitter	1	8			
Teamster	1	7			

Country Schools, Grade I.

BOYS			GIRLS		
Ideal.	*No.*	*Age.*	*Ideal.*	*No.*	*Age.*
Blacksmith	1	6			
Doctor	1	7			
Teacher	1	7			
Work in store	1	8			

Summary of the Ideals of Children of the First Grade

BOYS			GIRLS		
Ideal.	*No.*	*Age*	*Ideal.*	*No.*	*Age.*
Artist	3	7	Artist	1	8
Blacksmith	1	6	Cashier	2	5–7
Carpenter	2	7	Clerk	2	5–6
Coal Man	1	7	Housekeeper	1	6
Conductor	1	7	Laundress	1	7
Doctor	1	7	Merchant	1	7
Engineer	3	7–8	Milliner	1	7
Farmer	1	7	Nurse (Children's)	1	6
Fireman	1	6	Reader	1	7
Florist	1	5	Teacher	6	5–8
Jeweler	1	6	Teacher, School	4	6–7
Lumber Jack	1	7½	Teacher, Kindergarten	1	8
Mason	1	7			
Merchant	2	6–7			
Plumber	2	7			
Printer	1	8			
Salesman (Soap)	1	6			
Soldier	2	6–7			
Steam Fitter	1	8			
Teacher	1	7			
Teamster	1	7			
Work in factory	2	6–7			
Work in store	1	8			

33 boys select 23 occupations. Average 1.3+
22 girls select 10 occupations. Average 2.20

Note:—All sub-classes under teaching are called "Teaching" in reckoning up the number of occupations selected.

The surprising thing in this table is the degree of individuality shown by the boys, only two occupations receiving as many as three votes. The only occupations that might be called 'professional' are *doctor* and *teacher*. The explanation of this is that the professions do not touch the lives of children as do the industrial occupations.

Ideals of Children of the Second Grade

Training School, DeKalb, Grade II.

BOYS			GIRLS		
Ideal.	*No.*	*Age.*	*Ideal,*	*No.*	*Age.*
Conductor	1	12	Housekeeper	5	7-8
Storekeeper	1	7	Milliner	1	7
			Teacher	3	6-8

Country Schools, Grade II.

BOYS			GIRLS		
Ideal.	*No.*	*Age.*	*Ideal.*	*No.*	*Age.*
Shoemaker	1	7	Teacher	3	7-8
			Teacher, Music	1	9

Summary of the Ideals of Children of the Second Grade

BOYS			GIRLS		
Ideal.	*No.*	*Age.*	*Ideal.*	*No.*	*Age.*
Conductor	1	12	Housekeeper	5	7-8
Merchant	1	7	Milliner	1	7
Shoemaker	1	7	Teacher	7	6-9

3 boys select 3 occupations. Average 1.
13 girls select 3 occupations. Average 4,3+

The data for the second grade are so meager as to be of little service. The country boy of seven selects the only new occupation in the list. The girls show an increased preference for house keeping.

Ideals of Children of the Third Grade

Training School, DeKalb, Grade III.

BOYS			GIRLS		
Ideal.	*No.*	*Age.*	*Ideal.*	*No.*	*Age.*
Carpenter	1	9	Housekeeper	1	8
Electrician	1	9	Teacher	5	8–9
Farmer	5	7–11			
Merchant	1	9			
Merchant, Dry Goods	2	8–9			
Policeman	1	9			

Haish School, DeKalb, Grade III.

BOYS			GIRLS		
Ideal.	*No.*	*Age.*	*Ideal.*	*No.*	*Age.*
Carpenter	1	8½	Dressmaker	4	8–1–10½
Clerk	1	9½	Teacher, Music	2	9–12
Coal Hauler	1	10½	Teacher, School	8	8½–9½
Fireman	1	9		1	10
Machinist	1	10½			
Mayor	1	9			
Policeman	1	10			
Storekeeper	1	8			
Teamster	1	10			

Central School, Oak Park, Grade III.

BOYS			GIRLS		
Ideal.	*No.*	*Age.*	*Ideal.*	*No.*	*Age.*
Butcher	1	10	Bookkeeper	1	10
Carpenter	1	10½	Clerk	1	8
Doctor	4	8–10½	Dressmaker	4	9½–12
Engineer	2	8–10	Housekeeper	1	8
Expressman	1	11	Nurse	1	8
Fireman	1	11	Singer	1	8
Jeweler	1	9	Teacher, School	3	8–11
Motorman	1	9			
Salesman, Traveling	2	9–9½			

Country Schools, Grade III.

BOYS			GIRLS		
Ideal.	*No.*	*Age.*	*Ideal.*	*No.*	*Age.*
Farmer	4	7–11	Housekeeper	1	11
Miner	1	8	Teacher	1	7
Shoemaker	1	9	Teacher, Music	1	9
Work in Factory	1	8			

Summary of the Ideals of Children of the Third Grade

BOYS Ideal.	No.	Age.
Butcher	1	10
Carpenter	3	8½–10½
Clerk	1	9½
Coal Hauler	1	10½
Doctor	4	8–10½
Engineer	2	8–10
Engineer, Electrical	1	9
Expressman	1	11
Farmer	9	7–11
Fireman	2	9–11
Jeweler	1	9
Machinist	1	10½
Mayor	1	9
Merchant	2	8–9
Merchant, Dry Goods	2	8–9
Miner	1	8
Motorman	1	9
Policeman	2	9–10
Salesman, Traveling	2	9–9½
Shoemaker	1	9
Teamster	1	10
Work in Factory	1	8

GIRLS Ideal.	No.	Age.
Bookkeeper	1	10
Clerk	1	8
Dressmaker	8	8½–12
Housekeeper	3	8–11
Nurse	1	8
Singer	1	8
Teacher	6	7–9
Teacher, Music	3	9–10
Teacher, School	11	8–11
	1	10

41 boys select 21 occupations. Average 2—
35 girls select 7 occupations, Average 5.

The new occupations in this third grade list are:

BOYS	GIRLS
Butcher	Bookeeper
Clerk	Dressmaker
Engineer, Electrical	Singer
Expressman	Teacher, Music
Machinist	
Mayor	
Merchant (Dry Goods)	
Miner	
Motorman	
Policeman	

This list shows that the boys are more individual than are the girls and more affected by the industrial aspects of the life about them.

Ideals of Children of the Fourth Grade.

Training School, DeKalb, Grade IV.

BOYS Ideal	No.	Age.
Architect	1	12
Artist	1	12
Engineer, Mechanical	1	9
Merchant	1	9
Sailor	1	12
*Teacher	2	10–11

GIRLS Ideal	No.	Age.
Dressmaker	2	9–10

*Like Miss H—because she is a good teacher.

Glidden School, DeKalb, Grade IV.

BOYS Ideal	No.	Age.	GIRLS Ideal	No.	Age.
Baseball Player	1	11	Cashier	1	9½
Conductor	3	9½–10	Clerk, Book Store	1	9
Doctor	1	10½	Clerk, Grocery Store	1	10½
Engineer	1	10	Milliner	4	9–11½
Farmer	2	10½–16	Surgeon, Veterinary	1	10
Machinist	2	9½–10	Teacher, Music	5	9–10
Motorman	2	8½–10	Teacher, School	3	9–11½
Storekeeper	1	8			

Haish School, DeKalb, Grade IV.

BOYS Ideal	No.	Age.	GIRLS Ideal	No.	Age.
Bookkeeper	2	11	Bookkeeper	1	14½
Doctor	3	9½–10	Clerk	2	10½–11
Engineer	5	10½–13	Dressmaker	1	9½
Farmer	4	10–14½	Housekeeper	1	13
Fireman	1	13½	Lady	1	10½
Lawyer	1	13	Milliner	2	10½–11½
Minister	1	10½	Nurse	1	10
			Teacher, Drawing	2	9½–10½
			Teacher, Music	4	9–11
			Teacher, School	4	9–10½

Central School, Oak Park, Grade IV.

BOYS Ideal	No.	Age.	GIRLS Ideal	No.	Age.
Banker	1	12	Architect	1	9½
Baseball Player	2	10–11	Artist	1	10
Carpenter	1	9½	Bookkeeper	1	13
Cowboy	2	9½–10½	Clerk, in Post Office	1	11½
Doctor	1	10½	Elocutionist	1	11
Engineer	1	9	Housekeeper	1	9½
Engineer, Civil	1	10	Lady	6	10–11
Engineer, Mechanical	1	9½	Nurse	2	9½–11
Farmer	1	10	Pianist	1	9½
Fireman	1	12	Singer	1	10½
Gardener	1	10	Stenographer	1	12
Lawyer	1	9½	Teacher	2	10–12
Plumber	2	11–13	Teacher, School	3	10–10½
Teacher of Greek	1	10			
Violinist	1	10			

Country Schools, Grade IV.

BOYS Ideal	No.	Age.	GIRLS Ideal	No.	Age.
Farmer, (Defective)	1	18	Dressmaker	1	13
Farmer	3	10	Teacher, School	1	12

Summary of Ideals of Children of the Fourth Grade.

BOYS			GIRLS		
Ideal	*No.*	*Age.*	*Ideal*	*No.*	*Age.*
Architect	1	12	Architect	1	9½
Artist	1	12	Artist	1	10
Banker	1	12	Bookkeeper	2	13–14½
Baseball Player	3	10–11	Cashier	1	9½
Bookkeeper	2	11	Clerk	2	10½–11
Carpenter	1	9½	Clerk, in Book Store	1	9
Conductor	3	9½–10	Clerk, in Grocery Store	1	10½
Cowboy	2	9½–10½	Clerk, in Post Office	1	11½
Doctor	5	9½–10½	Dressmaker	4	9–12
Engineer	7	9–13	Elocutionist	1	11
Engineer, Civil	1	10	Housekeeper	2	9½–13
Engineer, Mechanical	2	9–9½	Lady	7	10–11
Farmer	11	10–18	Milliner	6	9–11½
Fireman	2	12–13½	Nurse	3	9½–11
Gardener	1	10	Pianist	1	9½
Lawyer	2	9½–13	Singer	1	10½
Machinist	2	9½–10	Stenographer	1	12
Merchant	2	8–9	Surgeon, Veterinary	1	10
Minister	1	10½	Teacher	2	10–12
Motorman	2	8½–10	Teacher, Drawing	2	9½–10½
Plumber	2	11–13	Teacher, Music	9	9–11
Sailor	1	12	Teacher, School	11	9–12
Teacher	2	10–11			
Teacher of Greek	1	10			
Violinist	1	10			

59 boys select 22 occupation. Average 2.4+
61 girls select 16 occupation. Average 3.8+

The new occupations selected are:

BOYS	GIRLS
Architect	Architect
Banker	Elocutionist
Baseball Player	Lady
Bookkeeper	Pianist
Cowboy	Stenographer
Engineer, Civil	Surgeon, Veterinary
Engineer, Mechanical	Teacher, Drawing
Gardener	
Lawyer	
Minister	
Plumber	
Teacher of Greek	
Violinist	

Again it is evident that the boys are more individual in their selection than are the girls. The professions show a stronger appeal to the boys than to the girls. The girls from ten to eleven seem to have caught the idea of being a lady.

Ideals of Children of the Fifth Grade.

Training School, DeKalb, Grade V.

BOYS			GIRLS		
Ideal	*No.*	*Age.*	*Ideal*	*No.*	*Age.*
Artist	3	11–13½	Actress	1	10
Carpenter	1	11	Clerk	2	11
Carver	1	11	Dressmaker	4	10–12
Clerk	2	11–12	Married, Housekeeper	4	10–12
Clerk, in Grocery	1	10	Merchant, Dry Goods	1	9
Cowboy	1	12	Teacher	10	10–12
Farmer	4	9–12	Teacher of Music (and have pretty hands like Miss H)	2	11
Fireman	1	11			
Hunter	1	9			
Merchant, Clothing	1	10			
Teacher	3	9–11½			
Work in Wire Factory	1	12			

Glidden School, DeKalb, Grade V.

BOYS			GIRLS		
Ideal	*No.*	*Age.*	*Ideal*	*No.*	*Age.*
Barber	1	14	Artist	1	11½
Baseball Player	3	11–13	Dressmaker	1	10½
Carpenter	1	10½	Missionary	2	11–12
Chief of Police	1	12	Teacher	3	10½–12½
Farmer	1	12	Teacher, Music	1	10
Hog Buyer	1	10	Teacher, School	2	11–12
Merchant	1	10½			
Millionaire	2	11–12			
Motorman	1	13			
President of a School	1	10			
Soldier	1	10			
Teacher, School	1	10½			
Don't Know	1	12			

Haish School, DeKalb, Grade V.

BOYS			GIRLS		
Ideal	*No.*	*Ag*	*Ideal*	*No.*	*Age.*
Artist	1	11	Artist	1	11
Baseball Player	2	10½–11	Bookkeeper	1	11
Bookkeeper			Clerk	3	10–13
Captain of a Boat	1	11	Dressmaker	12	9–14½
Carpenter	3	9½–12½	Housekeeper	2	12–15
Deliveryman	1	12	Lady	1	12½
Doctor	1	11	Merchant	2	11½–12
Farmer	8	10½–13	Milliner	5	11–12½
Fireman	1	11	Missionary	1	11½
Machinist	4	9½–11	Organist	1	11
Mechanic	2	11–12½	Stenographer	1	10½
Merchant	2	10½–14	Teacher	9	10–16
Motorman	1	11½	Teacher, Drawing	1	13½
Paper Hanger	1	11½	Teacher, Music	2	11½–12
Printer	1	11	Working Girl	2	10½–11
Reciter	1	11			
Work in Shop	1	15			

Central School, Oak Park, Grade V.

BOYS			GIRLS		
Ideal	*No.*	*Age.*	*Ideal*	*No.*	*Age.*
Banker	1	11	Author	1	11½
Bookkeeper	3	10½-11½	Bookkeeper	1	10
Engineer, Civil	3	10½-12½	Dressmaker	2	10½-12
Farmer	1	12	Librarian	3	11-11½
Insurance Man	1	12	Musician	2	12½-13
Lawyer	1	12	Pianist	1	10½
Minister	1	13½	Teacher	5	11-14
Painter, House	1	10½	Teacher, Drawing	1	13
Plumber	1	12½	Teacher, Music.	1	13
Rough Rider	1	12½			

Country Schools, Grade V.

BOYS			GIRLS		
Ideal	*No.*	*Age.*	*Ideal*	*No.*	*Age.*
Dentist	1	11	Cook	1	10
			Teacher, Music	1	10

Summary of Ideals of Children of the Fifth Grade

BOYS			GIRLS		
Ideal.	*No.*	*Age.*	*Ideal.*	*No.*	*Age.*
Artist	4	11-13½	Actress	1	10
Banker	1	11	Artist	2	11-11½
Barber	1	14	Author	1	11½
Baseball Player	5	10½-13	Bookkeeper	2	10-11
Bookkeeper	4	10½-14	Clerk	5	10-13
Captain of a Boat	1	11	Cook	1	10
Carpenter	5	9½-12½	Dressmaker	19	9-14½
Carver	1	11	Housekeeper	6	10-15
Chief of Police	1	12	Lady	1	12½
Clerk	2	11-12	Librarian	3	11-11½
Clerk in Grocery Store	1	10	Merchant	2	11½-12
Cowboy	1	12	Merchant, Dry Goods	1	9
Deliveryman	1	12	Milliner	5	11-12½
Dentist	1	11	Missionary	3	11-12
Doctor	1	11	Musician	2	12½-13
Engineer, Civil	3	10½-12½	Organist	1	11
Farmer	11	10½-13	Pianist	1	10½
Fireman	2	11	Stenographer	1	10½
Hog Buyer	1	10	Teacher	27	10-16
Hunter	1	9	Teacher, Drawing	2	13-13½
Insurance Man	1	12	Teacher, Music	6	10-13
Lawyer	1	12	Teacher, School	2	11-12
Machinist	4	9½-11	Working Girl	2	10½-11
Mechanic	2	11-12½			
Merchant	3	10½-14			
Merchant, Clothing	1	10			
Millionaire	2	11-12			
Motorman	2	11½-13			
Painter, House	1	10½			
Paper Hanger	1	11½			
Plumber	1	12½			
President of a School	1	10			
Printer	1	11			
Reciter	1	11			
Rough Rider	1	12½			
Soldier	1	10			
Teacher	3	9-11½			
Teacher, School	1	10½			
Work in Wire Factory	2	12-15			
Don't know	1	12			

78 boys select 37 occupations. Average 2.1+
96 girls select 19 occupations. Average 5.

The new occupations selected are:

BOYS	GIRLS
Barber	Actress
Captain of a Boat	Author
Carver	Cook
Chief of Police	Librarian
Deliveryman	Missionary
Dentist	Musician
Hog Buyer	Organist
Insurance Man	Working Girl
Mechanic	
Millionaire	
Painter, House	
Paper Hanger	
President of a School	
Reciter	
Rough Rider	

This list of new occupations shows the strong favor with which children of this age regard industrial efficiency. When one attempts to think of the extent to which the school aids the child in these directions, he soon exhausts the topic.

Ideals of Children of the Sixth Grade

Training School, DeKalb, Grade VI.

BOYS			GIRLS		
Ideal.	*No.*	*Age.*	*Ideal.*	*No.*	*Age.*
Bookkeeper	1	12	Care for Parents	1	11
Carpenter	2	12½-13	Clerk	1	11
Conductor, R. R.	1	14½	Dressmaker	3	11-13
Engineer, Civil	2	11-12	Housekeeper	1	13
Engineer, Locomotive	2	9-13	Milliner	1	12
Farmer	2	12	Stenographer	1	12
Grocer	1	12	Teacher, Music	3	12-12½
Horseman	1	11	Work in Factory	1	11
Mechanic	1	12			
Merchant	2	12			
Teacher	1	12			

Glidden School, Grade VI.

BOYS			GIRLS		
Ideal.	*No.*	*Age.*	*Ideal.*	*No.*	*Age*
Carpenter	1	12	Artist	1	13
Chauffeur	1	12	Milliner	2	11-12
Clerk	1	13½	Missionary	1	11½
Farmer	1	12	Musician	1	12½
Lawyer	1	16	Stenographer	1	11
Merchant	3	12-13	Teacher, Kindergarten	1	11½
Millionaire	3	11½-12½	Teacher, School	4	10½-12½
Pilot	1	12	Violinist	1	13
Statesman	1	11½			
Don't know	4	10½-14			

Haish School, DeKalb, Grade VI.

BOYS Ideal.	No.	Age.	GIRLS Ideal.	No.	Age.
Baseball player	2	13–13½	Bookkeeper	1	12½
Bookkeeper	3	10½–13	Clerk in Store	1	13
Engineer	2	12–12½	Dressmaker	4	11½–13
Merchant	1	12½	Milliner	1	12
Motorman	1	12½	Nurse	3	11–12½
Soldier	2	11½–12	Teacher	4	11–13
Teacher, Manual Training	1	11	Teacher, Music	1	11
Don't know	1	14	Don't know	1	13½

Central School, Oak Park, Grade VI.

BOYS Ideal.	No.	Age.	GIRLS Ideal.	No.	Age.
Actor	1	15	Cashier	1	14
Artist	1	14	Dressmaker	1	14½
Banker	2	12–12½	Elocutionist	1	12½
Boiler Maker	1	13½	Housekeeper	1	16½
Bookkeeper	3	12–13	Librarian	1	13
Carpenter	2	12	Musician	3	11–13
Clerk	1	12½	Nurse	2	11–14
Doctor	1	14	Teacher, Kindergarten	1	12
Engineer	3	12–14	Teacher, Music	3	12–15
Engineer, Civil	6	12–13½	Teacher, School	12	11–14½
Engineer, Electrical	2	13–14	Work, Sewing and Cooking	1	12
Engineer, Locomotive	1	14			
Engineer, Mining	1	12			
Engineer, Physical (?)	1	12			
Farmer	2	13½			
Insurance, Accident	1	13			
Jeweler	1	12½			
Lawyer	3	12			
Mailman, Postman	1	11½			
Merchant	1	13			
News dealer	1	13			
Office Man	1	12			
Physical Director	2	14–15			
Plumber	1	12			
Salesman, Traveling	2	12½–14			

Country Schools, Grade VI.

BOYS Ideal.	No.	Age.	GIRLS Ideal.	No.	Age.
Clerk, Grocery Store	1	11	Teacher	1	12
Farmer	2	11–12	Teacher, School	1	12

Summary of Ideals of Children in the Sixth Grade

BOYS

Ideal.	*No.*	*Age.*
Actor	1	15
Artist	1	14
Banker	2	12–12½
Baseball Player	2	13–13½
Boiler Maker	1	13½
Bookkeeper	7	10½–13
Carpenter	5	12–13
Chauffeur	1	12
Clerk	3	11–13½
Conductor, R. R.	1	14½
Doctor	1	14
Engineer	5	12–14
Engineer, Civil	8	11–13½
Engineer, Electrical	2	13–14
Engineer, Locomotive	3	9–14
Engineer, Mining	1	12
Engineer, Physical (?)	1	12
Farmer	7	11–13½
Grocer	1	12
Horseman	1	11
Insurance, Accident	1	13
Jeweler	1	12½
Lawyer	4	12–16
Mailman, Postman	1	11½
Mechanic	1	12
Merchant	7	12–13
Millionaire	3	11½–12½
Motorman	1	12½
News Dealer	1	13
Office Man	1	12
Physical Director	2	14–15
Pilot	1	12
Plumber	1	12
Salesman, Traveling	2	12½–14
Soldier	2	11½–12
Statesman	1	11½
Teacher	1	12
Teacher, Manual Training	1	11
Don't know	5	10½–14

GIRLS

Ideal.	*No.*	*Age.*
Artist	1	13
Bookkeeper	1	12½
Care for Parents	1	11
Cashier	1	14
Clerk	2	11–13
Dressmaker	8	11–14½
Elocutionist	1	12½
Housekeeper	2	13–16½
Librarian	1	13
Milliner	4	11–12
Missionary	1	11½
Musician	4	11–13
Nurse	5	11–14
Stenographer	2	11–12
Teacher	5	11–13
Teacher, Kindergarten	2	11½–12
Teacher, Music	7	11–15
Teacher, School	17	10½–14½
Violinist	1	13
Work, Sewing and Cooking	1	12
Work in Factory	1	11
Don't know	1	13½

86 boys select 32 occupations. Average 2.6+
66 girls select 21 occupations. Average 3.8+

Or counting every occupation reported:—

86 boys select 38 occupations. Average 2.2+
66 girls select 21 occupations. Average 3.1+

The new occupations selected in this grade are:

BOYS

Actor
Boiler Maker
Chauffeur
Engineer, Locomotive
Engineer, Mining
Engineer, Physical (?)
Grocer
Hunter
Mailman
News Dealer
Office Man
Physical Director
Pilot
Statesman
Teacher, Manual Training

GIRLS

Work, Cooking and Sewing
Work in Factory

The so-called "professions" find little favor with these boys and girls, and very few of the things selected are derived from the work of the school.

Ideals of Children in the Seventh Grade.

Training School, DeKalb, Grade VII.

BOYS			GIRLS		
Ideal	*No.*	*Age.*	*Ideal*	*No.*	*Age.*
Baseball, Player	2	13	Clerk	3	13-15
Bridge, Builder	1	13½	Nurse, Baby	1	13½
Butcher	1	13	Teacher	8	11-16
Carpenter	1	15	Teacher, Drawing	1	15
Conductor, R. R	1	13	Teacher, Music	7	12-15
Cowboy	1	15			
Doctor	1	11			
Draftsman	1	14			
Druggist	1	13			
Engineer	2	13-13½			
Engineer, Civil	1	15½			
Engineer, Electrical	1	14			
Engineer, Locomotive	1	13			
Lawyer	1	12			
Merchant	1	12			
Salesman, Traveling	1	12½			
Stock Raiser	1	12			
Telegraph Operator	1	13			
Don't know	1	12			

20 boys select 15 occupations. Average 1.3+
20 girls select 3 occupations. Average 6.6+

Country Schools.

BOYS			GIRLS		
Ideal	*No.*	*Age.*	*Ideal*	*No.*	*Age.*
			Teacher, Music	1	12

Glidden School, DeKalb, Grade VII.

BOYS			GIRLS		
Ideal	*No.*	*Age.*	*Ideal*	*No.*	*Age.*
Bookkeeper	2	12-13	Artist	3	13-15
Conductor	2	13-14	Bookkeeper	2	12½-13
Clerk	1	13½	Elocutionist	2	11½
Engineer, Locomotive	1	14½	Millionaire	1	11
Farmer	1	12	Musician	1	13
Piano Maker	1	14	Teacher	1	13
Post Master	1	13	Teacher, Drawing	1	14
Don't know	1	14	Teaeher, Kindergarten	2	12-14½
			Teacher, Music	3	13-14½
			Traveler	1	11½

9 boys select 7 occupations. Average 1.2+
17 girls select 7 occupations. Average 2.4+

Central School, Oak Park, Grade VII.

BOYS Ideal	No.	Age.	GIRLS Ideal	No.	Age.
Architect	1	13½	Artist	1	14½
Banker	1	15	Author	1	13
Cashier, Bank	1	15	Bookkeeper	2	12½-14
Doctor	2	13-14½	Dressmaker	1	12½
Engineer, Civil	4	12-14	Homemaker and mother	7	12½-15½
Engineer, Electrical	5	14-16	Librarian	1	13
Engineer, Mechanical	1	15½	Missionary	2	13-14
Engineer, Stationary;	1	14½	Missionary, Home	1	14
Farmer	5	13½-14	Pianist	1	12½
Grocer	1	13	Stenographer	2	13-16
Lawyer	3	13½-15	Teacher, Dancing	1	15½
Merchant, Hardware	1	15	Teacher, Kindergarten	1	13
Physical Director	1	13½	Teacher, Music	3	13-13½
Rancher	2	12-12½	Teacher, School	2	12½-14½
Salesman, Traveling	1	14	Don't know	2	13-14
Soldier	1	15			
Stenographer	1	15			
Supt. of Planing Mill	1	13			
Don't know	6	13-17			

33 boys select 15 occupations. Average 2.2
26 girls select 10 occupations. Average 2.6

Summary of the Ideals of Children in the Seventh Grade.

BOYS Ideal	No.	Age.	GIRLS Ideal	No.	Age.
Architect	1	13½	Artist	4	13-15
Banker	1	15	Author	1	13
Baseball Player	2	13	Bookkeeper	4	12½-14
Bookkeeper	2	12-13	Clerk	3	13-15
Bridge Builder	1	13½	Dressmaker	1	12½
Butcher	1	13	Elocutionist	2	11½
Carpenter	1	15	Homemaker and Mother	7	12½-15½
Cashier, Bank	1	15	Librarian	1	13
Clerk	1	13½	Millionaire	1	11
Conductor	3	13-14	Missionary	3	13-14
Cowboy	1	15	Musician	1	13
Doctor	3	11-14½	Nurse, Baby	1	13½
Draftsman	1	14	Pianist	1	12½
Druggist	1	13	Stenographer	2	13-16
Engineer	2	13-13½	Teacher	9	11-16
Engineer, Civil	5	12-15½	Teacher, Dancing	1	15½
Engineer, Electrical	6	14-16	Teacher, Drawing	2	14-15
Engineer, Locomotive	2	13-14½	Teacher, Kindergarten	3	12-14½
Engineer, Mechanical	1	15½	Teacher, Music	14	12-15
Engineer, Stationary	1	14½	Teacher, School	2	12½-14½
Farmer	6	12-14	Traveler	1	11½
Grocer	1	13	Don't know	2	13-14
Lawyer	4	12-15			
Merchant	2	12-15			
Physical Director	7	13½			
Piano Maker	1	14			
Post Master	1	13			
Rancher	2	12-12½			
Salesman, Traveling	2	12½-14			
Soldier	1	15			
Stenographer	1	15			
Stock Raiser	1	12			
Supt. of Plaining Mill	1	13			
Telegraph Operator	1	13			
Don't know	8	12-17			

62 boys select 29 occupations. Average 2.1+
64 girls select 16 occupations. Average 4

The new occupations listed in this grade are:

BOYS	GIRLS
Bridge Builder	Millionaire
Cashier, Bank	Teacher of Dancing
Draftsman	
Druggist	
Engineer, Stationary	
Piano Maker	
Post Master	
Rancher	
Stenographer	
Stock Raiser	
Supt. of Planing Mill	
Telegraph Operater	

In this report we note again the prevalence of the economic ideal among the boys. The eccentricity of the girls is not difficult to explain.

Ideals of Children in the Eighth Grade

Training School, DeKalb, Grade VIII.

BOYS			GIRLS		
Ideal.	*No.*	*Age.*	*Ideal.*	*No.*	*Age.*
Army Officer	1	13	Bookkeeper	1	15
Chemist	1	13½	Clerk	1	15
Draftsman	1	14	Cook	1	14
Engineer, Civil	2	13½-14	Musician	1	16½
Engineer, Electrical	2	14½-15	Nurse	1	13
Engineer, Mechanical	1	13½	Teacher	7	13-15
Farmer	1	13			
Mechanic	1	14			
Salesman, Traveling	1	14½			

11 boys select 6 occupations. Average 1.5
12 girls select 7 occupations. Average 2.

Glidden School, DeKalb, Grade VIII.

BOYS			GIRLS		
Ideal.	*No.*	*Age.*	*Ideal.*	*No.*	*Age.*
Contractor, R. R.	1	15	Bookkeeper	1	15
Engineer, Locomotive	2	13½-16	Clerk	1	15½
Machinist	1	15½	Milliner	2	14½-16
Manager of a business	1	12½	Musician	1	13
Manufacturer	1	15	Teacher	3	13½-15
Plumber	1	15	Teacher, Kindergarten	1	14½
Don't know	1	12	Teacher, Music	4	12½-14
			Teacher, School	2	13½
			Traveler	1	13½
			Don't know	1	15

7 boys select 6 occupations. Average 1.1+
16 girls select 6 occupations. Average 2.6+

Central School, Oak Park, Grade VIII.

BOYS Ideal.	No.	Age.	GIRLS Ideal.	No.	Age.
Architect	1	14½	Elocutionist	1	17
Banker	2	14½-15½	Librarian	1	15½
Baseball Player	1	15	Musician	1	13½
Bookkeeper	1	16½	Nurse	3	14½-16½
Business Man	1	14	Stay at Home	1	14½
Civil Service Employe	1	15	Stenographer	5	13-15
Clerk	1	15	Teacher, Kindergarten	2	15-16½
Doctor	1	13½	Teacher, Music	4	13-15
Engineer, Civil	5	14-16	Teacher, Piano	1	14½
Farmer	1	15	Teacher, School	3	14-16
Gunsmith	1	15½	Vocalist	1	16
Manager of a Baseball Club	1	15½	Don't know	6	14-15½
Plumber	2	15-15½			
Poultry Raiser	1	15½			
Printer	1	15			
Real Estate Man	1	14			
Don't know	5	14-17			

22 boys select 16 occupations. Average 1.3+
33 girls select 8 occupations. Average 3

Country Schools, Grade VIII.

BOYS Ideal.	No.	Age	GIRLS Ideal.	No.	Age.
Clerk, Dry Goods Store	1	15	Teacher, Music	1	12
			Teacher, School	1	12

Summary of Ideals of Eighth Grade Children

BOYS Ideal.	No.	Age.	GIRLS Ideal.	No.	Age.
Architect	1	14½	Bookkeeper	2	15
Army Officer	1	13	Clerk	2	15-15½
Banker	2	14½-15½	Cook	1	14
Baseball Player	1	15	Elocutionist	1	17
Bookkeeper	1	16½	Librarian	1	15½
Business Man	1	14	Milliner	2	14½-16
Chemist	1	13½	Musician	3	13-16½
Civil Service Employee	1	15	Nurse	4	13-16½
Clerk	2	15	Singer	1	16
Contractor, R. R.	1	15	Stay at Home	1	14½
Doctor	1	13½	Stenographer	5	13-15
Draftsman	1	14	Teacher	10	13-15
Engineer, Civil	7	13½-16	Teacher, Kindergarten	3	14½-16½
Engineer, Electrical	2	14½-15	Teacher, Music	9	12-15
Engineer, Locomotive	2	13½-16	Teacher, Piano	1	14½
Engineer, Mechanical	1	13½	Teacher, School	6	12-16
Farmer	2	13	Traveler	1	13½
Gunsmith	1	15½	Don't know	6	14-15½
Machinist	1	15½			
Manager of a Business	1	12½			
Manager of a Baseball Club	1	15½			
Manufacturer	1	15			
Mechanic	1	14			
Plumber	3	15-15½			
Poultry Raiser	1	15½			
Printer	1	15			
Real Estate Man	1	14			
Salesman, Traveling	1	14½			
Don't know	6	12-17			

41 boys select 24 occupations. Average 1.7+
53 girls select 13 occupations. Average 4.0+

The new occupations of these grades are:

BOYS	GIRLS
Army Officer	Stay at Home
Business Man	Teacher, Piano
Chemist	
Civil Service Employee	
Contractor, R. R.	
Gunsmith	
Manager	
Manufacturer	
Poultry Raiser	
Real Estate Manager	

The boys of this grade show a preference, in the new occupations selected, for professional and directive positions. A growing intelligence as to the nature of occupations is responsible for this preference.

It may prove interesting to find the ratio of new occupations reported in each grade to the number of pupils in each grade. Such a table follows and shows that this ratio for the boys ranges from 1 to 3 to 1 to 5.7, while for the girls it ranges from 1 to 8.7 to 1 to 33. From this it follows that at no stage in their school careers do the multitudinous occupations around them make so strong an appeal to the girls as is made to the boys. This helps to explain why boys are more troublesome in school than are girls. Whether social ideals are sufficient to explain this uniformity of ideals among the girls has not yet been made clear.

	BOYS.			GIRLS.		
	New occupations reported	*No. in grade.*	*Ratio of new occupation to No.*	*New occupations selected*	*No. in grade*	*Ratio of new occupation to No.*
II	1	3	1 to 3	1	13	1 to 13
III	10	41	1 to 4.1	4	35	1 to 8.7
IV	13	59	1 to 4.5	7	61	1 to 8.7
V	15	78	1 to 5.2	8	96	1 to 12
VI	15	86	1 to 5.7	2	66	1 to 33
VII	12	62	1 to 5.1	2	64	1 to 32.
VIII	10	41	1 to 4.1	2	53	1 to 26.5

Let us now construct a table to show the average number of boys and girls to each occupation in the several grades, so that their relative individuality in selection may appear. Along with this there is also placed the averages of boys and girls in the selection of games.

Grades	*Average of Boys in*		*Average of Girls in*	
	games	*ideals*	*games*	*ideals*
I	2.1	1.3	1.5	2.2
II	2.1	1.0	1.7	4.3
III	3.5	2.0	3.2	5.0
IV	3.3	2.8	2.5	3.8
V	4.0	2.1	2.3	5.0
VI	3.7	2.6	2.0	3.8
VII	4.0	2.1	2.0	4.0
VIII	6.0	1.7	2.6	4.0

It will be remembered that a low average indicates individuality of selection and that a high average indicates that the children are much alike in their choices. It is evident, from the table above, that boys are more alike than are girls in their choice of games in every grade; also, that boys are more individual in their choice of occupations than are the girls in every grade. The boys select games that, in general, imply group co-operation along with group competition while the girls select games that are individualistic and competitive. Few games were found that were favorites in all grades with either boys or girls.

It will be necessary to tabulate the ideals of boys and girls in all grades, as the favorite games were tabulated, in order to see in what grades and with what relative force occupations appeal to children. The following tables will show, therefore, in what grades and how often in each a given occupation is selected; how many times each occupation is selected and what is the range in age of those selecting it.

SUMMARY OF THE IDEALS OF BOYS IN THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

Ideal.	*No. of times selected in grade.*								*Total times selected*	*Range in age*
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
Architect	....	....	....	1	....	....	1	1	3	12–14½
Actor	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	1	15
Army officer	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	1	13
Artist	3	....	....	1	4	1	....	....	9	7–14
Banker	....	....	....	1	1	2	1	2	7	11–15½
Barber	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	1	15
Baseball player	....	....	....	3	5	2	2	1	13	10–15
Blacksmith	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	6
Boilermaker	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	1	13½
Bookkeeper	....	....	....	2	4	7	2	1	16	10½–16½
Bridge builder	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	1	13½
Business man	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	1	14
Butcher	....	....	1	....	....	....	1	....	2	10–13
Captain of a boat	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	1	11
Carpenter	2	....	3	1	5	5	1	....	17	7–15
Carver	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	1	11
Cashier (bank)	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	1	15
Chauffeur	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	1	12
Chemist	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	1	13½
Chief of Police	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	1	12
Civil Service Employee	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	1	15
Clerk	....	....	1	....	3	3	1	2	10	9½–15
Coal hauler	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	10½
Coal man	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	7
Conductor	1	1	....	3	....	1	3	....	9	7–14½
Contractor (R. R.)	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	1	15
Cowboy	....	....	....	2	1	....	1	....	4	9½–15
Deliveryman	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	1	12
Dentist	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	1	11
Doctor	1	....	4	5	1	1	3	1	16	7–14½
Draftsman	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	1	2	14
Druggist	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	1	13
Engineer	3	....	2	7	....	5	2	....	19	7–14
Engineer, Civil	....	....	....	1	3	8	5	7	24	10–16
Engineer, Electrical	....	....	1	....	....	2	6	2	11	9–16
Engineer, Locomotive	....	....	....	....	....	3	2	2	7	9–16
Engineer, Mechanical	....	....	....	2	....	....	1	1	4	9–15½

Summary of the Ideals of Boys in the Elementary School.—*Concluded.*

Ideal.	*No. of times selected in grade*								*Total times selec ed*	*Range in age*
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
Engineer, Mining	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	1	12
Engineer, Physical (?)	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	1	12
Engineer, Stationary	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	1-68	14½
Expressman	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	11
Farmer	1	....	9	11	11	7	6	2	47	7-18
Fireman	1	....	2	2	2	....	....	....	7	6-13½
Florist	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	5
Gardener	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	1	10
Grocer	....	....	....	....	....	1	1	....	2	12-13
Gunsmith	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	1	15½
Hog Buyer	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	1	10
Horseman	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	1	11
Hunter	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	1	9
Insurance	....	....	....	....	1	1	....	....	2	12-13
Jeweler	1	....	1	....	....	1	....	....	3	6-12½
Lawyer	....	....	....	2	1	4	4	....	11	9½-16
Lumber Jack	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	7½
Machinist	....	....	1	2	5	....	....	1	9	9½-15½
Mailman	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	1	11½
Manager	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	2	12½-15½
Manufacturer	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	1	15
Mason	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	7
Mayor	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	9
Mechanic	....	....	....	....	2	1	....	1	4	11-14
Merchant	2	1	4	2	4	7	2	....	22	6-15
Millionaire	....	....	....	....	2	3	....	....	5	11-12½
Miner	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	8
Minister	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	1	10½
Motorman	....	....	1	2	2	1	....	....	6	8½-13
News Dealer	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	1	13
Office Man	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	1	12
Painter (house)	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	1	10½
Paper Hanger	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	1	11½
Physical Director	....	....	....	....	....	2	1	....	3	13½-15
Piano maker	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	1	14
Pilot	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	1	12
Plumber	2	....	....	2	1	1	....	3	9	7-15½
Policeman	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	2	9-10
Postmaster	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	1	13
Poultry raiser	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	1	15½
President of a School	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	1	10
Printer	1	....	....	....	1	....	....	1	3	8-15½
Rancher	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	....	2	12-12½
Real Estate man	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	1	15
Reciter	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	1	11
Rough Rider	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	1	11
Sailor	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	1	12
Salesman	1	....	2	....	....	2	1	1	7	6-14
Shoemaker	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	2	7-9
Soldier	2	....	....	....	1	2	1	....	6	6-15
Statesman	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	1	11½
Steamfitter	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	8
Stenographer	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	1	15
Stock Raiser	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	1	12
Supt. of Planing Mill	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	1	13
Teacher	1	....	....	2	3	1	....	....	7	7-12
Teacher of Greek	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	1	10
Teacher of Man. Tr	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	1	11
Teacher of School	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	1-10	10½
Teamster	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	2	7-10
Telegraph Operator	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	1	13
Violinist	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	1	10
Work in factory	2	....	1	....	2	....	....	....	5	6-15
Work in store	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	8
Do not know	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	20	10½-17

402 boys select 90 occupations, average 4.4+

Summary of the Ideals of Girls in the Elementary School.

Ideal.	No. of times selected in grade								Tota times selected	Range in age
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
Actress	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	1	10
Architect	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	1	9½
Artist	1	....	....	1	2	1	4	....	9	8-15
Author	....	....	....	....	1	....	1	....	2	11½-13
Bookeeper	....	....	1	2	2	1	4	2	12	10-15
Cashier	2	....	....	1	....	1	....	....	4	5-14
Clerk	2	....	1	5	5	2	3	2	20	5-15½
Cook	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	1	2	10-14
Dressmaker	....	....	8	4	19	8	1	....	40	8½-14½
Elocutionist	....	....	....	1	....	1	2	1	5	11-17
Homemaker and Housekeeper	1	5	3	2	6	2	7	....	26	6-16½
Lady	....	....	....	7	1	....	....	....	8	10-12½
Laundress	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	7
Librarian	....	....	....	....	3	1	1	1	6	11-15½
Merchant	1	....	....	....	3	....	....	....	4	7-12
Millionaire	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	1	11
Milliner	1	1	....	6	5	4	....	2	19	7-16
Missionary	....	....	....	....	3	1	....	2	6	11-14
Musician	....	....	....	....	2	4	1	3	10	11-16½
Nurse	....	....	1	3	....	5	....	4	13	8-16½
Nurse of Babies	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	2-15	6-13½
Organist	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	1	11
Pianist	....	....	....	1	1	....	1	....	3	9½-12½
Reader	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	7
Singer	....	....	1	1	....	....	....	1	3	8-16
Stay at Home	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	1	14½
Stenographer	....	....	....	1	1	2	2	5	11	10½-16
Surgeon (Veterinary)	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	1	10
Teacher	6	7	6	2	27	5	9	10	72	5-16
Teacher, Dancing	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	1	15½
Teacher, Drawing	....	....	....	2	2	....	2	....	6	9½-15
Teacher, Kindergarten	1	....	....	....	....	2	3	3	9	8-16½
Teacher, Music	....	....	3	9	6	7	14	9	48	9-15
Teacher, Piano	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	1	14½
Teacher, School	4	....	11	11	2	17	2	16	63-200	6-16
Traveler	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	1	2	11½-13½
Work (Cooking and Sewing)	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	1	12
Work in Factory	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	1	11
Working Girl	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	2	10½-11
(Do not know)	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	10	10-15½

420 girls select 30 occupation. Average. 14.

I am acquainted with no clear and exhaustive classification of occupations, but shall attempt to classify the ones given in the boys' list according to a crude classification that may aid in revealing a few things that are concealed in these tables:

Extractive Industries:—

	No.	Age
Engineer	19	7-14
Engineer—Mining	1	12
Engineer—Physical(?)	1	12
Farmer	47	7-18
Florist	1	5
Gardener	1	10
Hunter	1	9
Miner	1	8
	Total 72	

Transforming Industries:—

	No.	Age
Boiler Maker	1	13½
Bridge Builder	1	13½
Carpenter	17	7-15
Carver	1	11
Chemist	1	13½
Engineer—Mechanical	4	9-15½
Engineer—Stationary	1	14½
Total	26	

Transporting Industries:—

	No.	Age
Chauffeur	1	12
Deliveryman	1	12
Engineer-Locomotive	7	9-16
Expressman	1	11
Motorman	6	8½-13
Pilot	1	12
Sailor	1	12
Total	18	

Directive Industries:—

	No.	Age
Architect	3	12-14½
Banker	7	11-15½
Captain of a Boat	1	11
Piano maker	1	14
Total	12	

Buying and Selling Industries:—

	No.	Age
Business Man	1	14
Butcher	2	10-13
Coal Man	1	7
Druggist	1	13
Grocer	2	12-13
Hog Buyer	1	10
Horseman	1	11
News Dealer	1	13
Real Estate Man	1	15
Salesman	7	6-14
Total	18	

Individualistic and Artistic Occupations:—

	No.	Age
Actor	1	15
Artist	9	7-14
Baseball player	13	10-15
Reciter	1	11
Violinist	1	10
Total	25	

General Industries involving Some Skill:—

	No.	Age.
Barber	1	15
Blacksmith	1	6
Cowboy	4	9½-15
Gunsmith	1	15½
Jeweler	3	6-12½
Lumber Jack	1	7½
Machinist	9	9½-15½
Mason	1	7
Mechanic	4	11-14
Painter House	1	10½
Paper. Hanger	1	11½
Plumber	9	7-15½
Poultry. Raiser	1	15½
Printer	3	8-15½
Shoemaker	2	7-9
Steam Fitter	1	8
Teamster	2	7-10
Telegraph Operator	1	13
Total	46	

Social Occupations, directive:—

	No.	Age.
Army Officer	1	13
Chief of Police	1	12
Conductor	9	7-14½
Contractor R. R	1	15
Lawyer	11	9½-16
Manager	2	12½-15½
Mayor	1	9
Minister	1	10½
Physical Directer	3	13½-15
President of a School	1	10
Statesman	1	11⅓
Supt. of Planing Mill	1	13
Teacher	10	7-12
Total	43	

Social Occupations (serving others directly):—

	No.	Age
Dentist	1	11
Doctor	16	7-14½
Engineer—Civil	24	10-16
Engineer—Electrical	11	9-16
Fireman	7	6-13½
Insurance (?)	2	12-13
Merchant	22	6-15
Policeman	2	9-10
Postmaster	1	13
Rancher	2	12-12½
Rough Rider	1	11
Soldier	6	6-15
Stock Raiser	1	12
Total	96	

Mechanical Occupations (chiefly routine work):—

	No.	*Age*
Book keeper	16	10½-16½
Cashier	1	15
Civil Service Employe	1	15
Clerk	10	9½-15
Coal Hauler	1	10½
Draftsman	2	14
Mailman	1	11½
Office Man	1	12
Stenographer	1	15
Work in factory and store	6	6-15
Total	40	

Unclassified:—

	No.	*Age*
Millionaire	5	11-12½

Making now a table to summarize, we find:—

	BOYS	GIRLS
Extractive Industries	72	0
Transforming Industries	26	61
Transporting Industries	18	0
Directive Industries	12	1
Buying and Selling Industries	18	4
Individualistic and Artistic Occupations	25	44
General Industries involving some skill	48	15
Social Occupations, Directive	43	217
Social Occupations, Serving Others Directly	96	43
Mechanical Occupations, chiefly routine work	40	36
Unclassified	5	1

The second column shows the results found from the data for girls. Directive social occupation is swelled by 200 votes for teaching in various forms.

There still remains the question of what occupations are selected by both boys and girls. The following table shows the common occupations and their relative popularity.

BOYS			GIRLS		
Ideal	*No.*	*Age.*	*Ideal*	*No.*	*Age.*
Actor	1	15	Actress	1	10
Artist	9	7-14	Artist	9	8-15
Bookkeeper	16	10½-16½	Bookkeeper	12	10-15
Cashier	1	15	Cashier	4	5-14
Clerk	10	9½-15	Clerk	20	5-15½
Merchant	22	6-15	Merchant	4	7-12
Millionaire	5	11-12½	Millionaire	1	11
Stenographer	1	15	Stenograher	11	10½-19
Teacher	7	7-12	Teacher	72	5-16
Teacher, School	1	10½	Teacher, School	63	6-16
Work in Factory	5	6-15	Work in Factory	1	11
Total	78		Total	199	

It is remarkable that 200 girls, almost one-half of the entire number with representatives from every grade, choose teaching, while only 10 boys select it as an occupation. There are only eight occupations that are chosen but once by the girls while there are fifty-four occupations each chosen by only one boy. 420 girls choose from 30 occupations while 402 boys choose from 90 occupations. 20 boys and 10 girls do not know what they want to do when grown up. Other remarkable things are that 68 boys wish to become engineers and 47 farmers.

This study is but a beginning. The field is as yet untouched. If children could be followed through successive grades to see how their choices of games and occupations change, the result would throw great light upon their development. If the choices of occupations could be followed up, their influence upon actual occupation could be estimated.

Imperfect though this study be, it should prove of value to any teacher who is interested in studying the initiative of children as manifested in their games and plays. The tables ought to show, in a broad way, when children are ready for certain games and when they are interested in certain occupations. All such knowledge should be of immediate practical value to the teacher.

The study, however, warrants two conclusions:—

1. Girls are more individual than are boys in their selection of games.

2. Boys are more individual than are girls in their selection of future occupations.

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